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The Names of the Committees chosen
December the 19. 1640.

Alderm. Pennington.	S. Gilbert Pickering,
S. Thom. Hutchinson.	M. Millington,
M. Hampden.	M. Perryn,
M. Arthur Asbing.	M. Edw. Hungerford,
M. Stapely.	M. Rouse,
S. Henry Paine.	M. Noble,
S. Thomas Cbecke,	S. Oliver Luke,
S. Walter Devorex.	M. Oldfield,
S. Gilbert Garrard.	M. Stevens,
M. Ashton.	S. Henry Wallop,
M. Rones.	M. Edward Asb,
S. Iohn Corbet.	M. Iohn Asb,
S. Iohn Franklin,	M. Tate,
S. Henry Anderson,	M. Lawny,
M. Walton.	S. Miles Fleetwood,
M. Spurstow,	S. William Masbam.
M. Cornewell,	S. Thomas Pelbam,
Lord Ruthnen,	M. Arthur Goodwin,
M. Glyn,	M. Rhodes,
S. Iohn Cooke,	M. Pymm,

M. Upton,	M. Crew,
M. Hennington,	M. Maynard,
M. Rowse,	M. Cradocke,
M. Corbet,	S. Nevell Poole.
M. Bramfield,	S. William Brierton,
S. Peter Hayman.	M. White,
S. Robert Harlow,	S. Christopher Wray,
M. Wheeler,	M. Noell.
M. Rivers,	M. Pots.
S. Francis Seymour,	S. Thom. Vadrington,
S. Thomas Barrington	S. John Wray.

And the Knights and Burgesses of Northumberland, Wales, Lancashire and Cumberland; and the Burgesses of Canterbury.



This

THis *Committee* is to take into their consideration, the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Huyendam* in the County of *Buckingham*, and all other Petitioners of that nature; and also to consider how there may be preaching Ministers set up where there are none, and how those preaching Ministers may be maintained, where there is no maintenance; and when they are in, how they may bee kept and maintained, and to receive all other Petitions of the like nature.

And it is further ordered, That the *Committee* shall have power to send for Parties, Witnesses, Writings, and Records, that may conduce to the busines in question before them. This was a *Sub-committee* made by the grand *Committee* for Religion. And it is this day ordered, that this *Committee* shall from the house have the like power it formerly had, and consider and enquire of the true ground,

and causes of the great scarcity of preaching Ministers, throughout the whole Kingdome. And to consider of some way for removing of scandalous Ministers, and putting others in their places.

And it is further ordered, that all the Knights, and Burgeses for every County be required from this house, both upon their owne knowledge, and upon information from the severall Counties where they dwell, within fixe weeks to informe this house of the state and conditions of their Counties concerning preaching ministers, and whence it ariseth there is such a scarcity of them throughout the Kingdome.

It is earnestly desired, and expected by the Parliament, that all ingenious persons in every County of the Kingdome, will be very active to improve the present opportunity, by giving a true information of all the Parishes in their severall Counties.

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First where there are men of more then one benefice , and what such mens Revenues are reputed to be.

Secondly, where there is no maintenance, or too little maintenance for a preaching minister.

Thirdly, Where there is no preaching, or seldome preaching.

Fourthly, Where there are persecuting, innovating, or scandalous Ministers, that they may be put out , and order taken for better to be put in their places.

A Committee is chosen purposely to receive Petitions , and Informations of this nature , and to take speciall care about so weighty a busines. The Committee desires informations from all parties, if it be possible within this moneth, as appeareth by the order given out by the Parliament, the nineteenth of this instant Decemb. 1640.

FINIS.